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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: North Trail/Loop Trail Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park

COUNTY: Amador

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Upgrade existing facilities at Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and meet requirements in the "California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines". Work will:

At North and Loop Trail Work:

- Clear vegetation where needed along the approximately 0.62 miles of trail to achieve a 4' wide trail;
- Excavate approximately 370 cubic yards of soil to de-compact, recontour and level the trails;
- Reroute three segments of trail approximately 900 linear feet;
- Revegetate 1070 linear feet of old and closed volunteer trails with native plants;
- Excavate approximately 900 linear feet by 1 foot wide and 2 feet deep trench to install three 12" to 24" high rock retaining walls to level the North Trail at two locations and to build a level picnic area next to the museum;
- Excavate 5 holes 1' in diameter and 18 inches deep to install new sign posts;

North Trail:

- Excavate two trenches each up to 80' long by 1' wide and 6" deep to install rock, gravel and dirt to build up the trail to create a level stable surface;
- Build 40' of boardwalk along a rerouted section of trail;
- Excavate five holes approximately 10' long by 2' deep for bridge abutments and trestle bases to install concrete footings that will anchor a new 120' long footbridge;
- Remove the old 7' long footbridge;
- Level two areas approximately 12' by 3' to place new ADA benches;

Loop trail

- Place an approximately 12' long by 4' wide wood puncheon/footbridge along the trail to cross a low point and improve drainage;
- Place two ADA compliant benches along the trail at existing wide points;
- Clear vegetation and level a 6' diameter half-circle area for a small overlook and install an ADA compliant bench;

Campfire Center/Amphitheater Area:

- Grade an approximately 350 square foot picnic area (12" diameter) to level and replace the picnic table with ADA compliant one;
- Excavate a 3' diameter, 6" deep hole to lay a concrete pad for installation of a new 'high-low' drinking fountain to replace an existing fountain at the entrance of the museum;
- Excavate 125' long by 6" wide and 2' deep trench to install electrical conduit;
- Excavate an approximately 3' diameter by 6" deep hole to relocate the fire ring;
- Add 20-30 cubic yards of gravel and compact to level the amphitheater area for access from the sidewalk.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Acquisition and Development

EXEMPT STATUS: ☒ Categorical Exemption Classes: 1, 3, 4 Sections: 15301, 15303, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor alteration of existing public structures and facilities involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels included as "modification of existing facilities for handicap access" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4, the construction and location of limited numbers of new small facilities and the minor alteration in the condition of land that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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